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Walter Knof, Ron Ruggeri, Kevin Christy;

With the release of the Air Traffic Aircraft Accident Package regarding American Airlines 11 and the anticipated release of the remaining three packages within the next few days, we wish to remind you that no copies of the Air Traffic Aircraft Accident Packages are to be made without the expressed consent of this office. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has informed us that due to the unique nature of the circumstances surrounding the four aircraft, distribution outside that specifically identified in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8020.11B, Aircraft Accident and Incident Notification, Investigation and Reporting, is not permitted (i.e., forward only to the FAA Investigator-In-Charge (Lyle Streeter, AAI-101), and the National Transportation Safety Board). Please inform all involved Air Traffic facilities and personnel that each of the four packages shall have a cover sheet over restricting distribution and access.

Also, litigation has been initiated. We would like to take this opportunity to assure you that our office will work closely with the region(s), facility(ies), and involved Air Traffic employee(s) to minimize the impact and disruption the litigation process sometimes causes. Please let us know if any problems arise. Together we will work to eliminate or reduce as many of these problems as possible. A. Wayne Pierce, Air Traffic Investigations Division, AAT-200, ([202] 267-3215) has been assigned as the Air Traffic Safety Investigator to assist in the litigation process regarding the four aircraft. After the release of each Air Traffic Aircraft Accident Package Mr. Pierce will be your focal point regarding the four aircraft.

Occasionally, attorneys and/or investigators not associated

with this office have presented themselves to the region, facility, and/or Air Traffic employees attempting to gain insight into the facts surrounding the aircraft accident. Thus, we ask that initiatives be taken to make sure inappropriate contacts be avoided. In other words, do not entertain or give out information regarding the aircraft accident. To successfully accomplish this we remind you that all coordination, requests for information, and/or other contacts will be conducted through Mr. Pierce. This process has been established to reduce the duplication of efforts, avoid confusion, and to maintain the operational safety, priority, integrity, and security of Air Traffic Control.

Litigation is pending and the discovery process may be long and in-depth. Therefore, we request that all files be secured and access be denied. No one is to be allowed to "review" and/or otherwise permitted access to any part of these files without expressed consent of Mr. Pierce. Any opportunity to review the files, documentation, information, notes, recordings, rerecordings, and/or data, etc., may present itself in the presence of an attorney from the Office of the Chief Counsel, Litigation Division (AGC-400) and/or U.S. Department of Justice attorney. This is a legal and strategy issue; it also serves as a benefit for the witnesses.

Please share this information with all involved facilities within your region.

We fully understand and appreciate the problems this may present the region, facility, and individuals, however, it is unavoidable. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 267-8025.

Thank you;

Jeffery A. Myers
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